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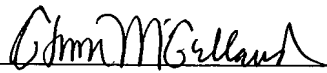
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO on Form PTO-1449:**

The following is an abstract relevant to the present application. In the present invention, a lower electrode is made of ruthenium.

**References AA, AB and AP through AR on Form PTO-1449:**

These references are specifically explained in the specification.

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,326,218	12/04/01	Takashi YUNOGAMI, et al.			
	AB	6,451,665	09/17/02	Takashi YUNOGAMI, et al.			
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	AO	2001-210787	08/03/01	Japan			X
	AP	2000-223671	08/11/00	Japan (Corresponding U.S. Patent Nos. 6,326,218 and 6,451,665)			X
	AQ	2000-156476	06/06/00	Japan			X
	AR	2000-252441	09/14/00	Japan			X
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